

# Peter Vincent Pry

August 20, 2022

15 New Posts

15 Trees, Flowers, or Condolences have been shared with support of Peter's family - [View on Tribute Wall](#)

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## Obituary

**Peter Vincent Pry was born to Sasha and Frank Pry in upstate New York where he grew up in the house his father built with his own two hands. His parents and two brothers chose nursing degrees but Peter's passion was history and scholarship. He graduated with a PhD in History from the State University of New York and went on to publish "Israel's Nuclear Arsenal" which earned him a fellowship to the University of Southern California where he achieved a second PhD in International Relations.**

**Dr Peter Vincent Pry was one of our country's preeminent thinkers, a formidable national security practitioner and an inspiring patriot. In the course of a career spanning nearly forty years, he served with distinction first in the executive branch of the federal government as a Verification Analyst in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (1984-1985), an Intelligence Officer in the Central Intelligence Agency specializing in Soviet nuclear forces and doctrine (1985-1995), and a Professional Staff Member on the House Armed Services Committee (1995-2001). He played a decisive role in enacting legislation in 2001 establishing the blue-ribbon Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP). He served as the Commission's Staff Director, under its formidable Chairman, Dr. William Graham. With Dr. Pry's tireless help, the EMP Threat Commission produced multiple reports,**

**briefings and congressional testimonies that constitute the most authoritative and comprehensive analyses of the grave vulnerabilities associated with our most critical of critical infrastructures – America’s electric grid. It was Dr. Pry’s life’s work to have the Commission’s recommendations fully implemented.**

**At the time of his passing, Dr. Pry was the Executive Director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security, the Director of the United States Nuclear Strategy Forum, and a Senior Fellow of the Center for Security Policy. As part of his tireless advocacy for protecting the electric grid, Dr. Pry authored nine books (including The Long Sunday and Blackout Wars) and countless essays and op.eds. He also gave innumerable TV and radio interviews and appeared in a number of documentary films, including the recent “Grid Down, Power Up,” narrated by Dennis Quaid.**

**Peter Vincent Pry was a founding member of and inspiration for the Center for Security Policy’s Secure the Grid Coalition, which is dedicated to the task of protecting every American citizen. Dr. Pry has been properly described as a national treasure. He will be sorely missed by all those who love freedom and dedicate their lives, as he did so nobly and effectively, to securing it.**

**Peter is especially remembered by his family as a teacher, mentor, bulwark, and a certain and awesome ally. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, daughter Rebecca and son Frank as well as his brothers Paul and Frank.**

**The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at Thacker Brothers Lake Monticello Funeral Home.**

**Family and friends may share memories and photos at [www.thackerbrothers.com](http://www.thackerbrothers.com).**

**To [send flowers](#) to the family or [plant a tree](#) in memory of Peter Vincent Pry, please [visit our floral store](#).**



## Services

### VISITATION

Saturday

September 3, 2022

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Thacker Brothers Lake Monticello Funeral Home

138 Heritage Drive

Palmyra, VA 22963

[Directions](#)[Text Details](#)[Email Details](#)

## Tribute Wall

### Share a Memory

Plant a tree in memory of Peter  
An environmentally-friendly option

[Plant a tree](#)

12 trees planted in memory of Peter

**Norman Haller**

November 13, 2022 3:11 PM



*Only today did I become aware of this site honoring Peter. His perseverance and courage in continuing to write and speak about important, and often controversial, U.S. national security issues will long be remembered. Well done, Peter!*

Norman Haller

A Grove of 3 Memorial Trees was planted in memory of Peter Vincent Pry

[Plant a tree](#)

**Henry Schwartz, Chairman, Empact America - BG (Ret) Kenneth Chrosniak, President, EMPact America - David Bellavia, Past President, EMPact America , Medal of Honor recipient**

September 4, 2022 9:03 PM

*He was a great American who never stopped in his efforts to alert Congress, successive administrations, and the American public to national threats.*

*We are grateful for his leadership and camaraderie.*

*Henry Schwartz, Chairman, Empact America - BG (Ret) Kenneth Chrosniak, President, EMPact America - David Bellavia, Past President, EMPact America , Medal of Honor recipient*

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## Expression of Sympathy

September 2, 2022 10:47 AM

A Grove of 3 Memorial Trees was planted in memory of Peter Vincent Pry

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March 19, 2023 12:57 AM

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Peter Vincent Pry.

[Plant a Tree](#)



**Chris**

December 22, 2022 6:39 AM



I am not sure why he responded to my email, but he did; Thank you again for sharing your knowledge and warnings to the world. I look forward to reading his book blackout wars

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**SB Shine**

November 3, 2022 1:59 AM

Being unavailable for two months I'm just now writing a bit of my thoughts about Peter. The world is changing in more and more dangerous ways. Peter Pry knew that well. He protected our country with his knowledge. Our country has now changed. In a small way, I helped distribute his knowledge concerning EMP. It was my only connection to Peter Pry. That small connection to Peter was important to me. Peter Pry's connection to the country was important to all citizens. We all lost a great man. A great patriot.

[Comment](#)**James G Love**

October 6, 2022 8:43 PM

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Peter Vincent Pry by James G Love. [Plant a Tree](#)

*My deepest regrets to his passing. May his knowledge continue to enlighten the world.*

*James G Love*

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**Gordon Wayne Watts**

September 18, 2022 8:33 AM

This may be a bit lengthy, but as we have unfinished but necessary work to protect America and the world, I believe this is what Peter would want: Referring to the attached photo, a copy of my book, if I can find a way to upload it here (required reading for membership in the EMP TASKFORCE), Dr. Pry inspired a generation of Americans, but our work is not done yet; Before I share my memory, one particular kind act that Peter did for me stands out in my mind: When I was frustrated in my attempts to lobby my federal lawmakers to harden the grid, our shared goal, I emailed Peter, asking for advice, and he took time from his obviously busy schedule to personally reply; in short, he reminded me to be professional and polite, but firm in my commitment to seek their help, further suggesting that I offer to help craft legislation or answer technical questions about the science behind our need to protect the grid. As another friend said, Peter was helpful and kind and took time to share his knowledge with someone he had never met.

While I never met him in person, Dr. Peter Pry was one of my most noble friends, whether in our email exchanges, occasional phone calls, or collaboration to our common goals. As I'm a regular caller to COAST TO COAST: AM,

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**Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda and Michael Vasilinda**

September 6, 2022 1:18 PM

Our hearts are so very heavy to hear about the earthly death of our dear friend, Peter. What a great soul. There are too few truly noble, honorable souls in the world but Peter was one of them.

Courageous, dedicated, utterly determined, about his purpose in securing our nation and humanity, Peter was a dignified but relentless intellectual warrior. His dignified strength, perseverance, humble boldness, love for his fellows, and sheer toughness was that of an ancient knight. There are many, many people who loved Peter because of this instantly recognizable nobility of spirit. My husband Mike and I, are just two of these and love, admire, and respect him we did. We will carry him in our hearts forever. Peter is truly one of a kind- one of God's wonderfully awesome children. God placed him on this earth to show what we can aspire to be.

What a loss Peter's gentle and gentlemanly presence and unrelenting force of will for doing the right things, is for this world.

Our deepest sympathies to Peter's beloved Ruth and family; what a great loss you must feel. We cannot imagine this. Our hope is that you will be united in Heaven with your dear Peter. We pray this gives you comfort and the peace that surpasses all understanding. We hope to see our friend Peter there too! This is our comfort and hope.

Rest In Peace, dear Peter!

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**Glenn Rhoades**

September 5, 2022 6:14 PM

From David Womick, Earthing Films and his film, The Black Sky Event.



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**Glenn Rhoades**

September 5, 2022 6:09 PM

I remember first talking to Dr. Pry on the phone a few weeks after a being briefed by a noted Space Physicist who suggested I reach out to a man named, Dr Peter Pry. He told me that this man was engaged in seeking solutions to guard our nation from its most dangerous existential threats. A few weeks later Dr. Pry told me he was patiently waiting to get The Task Force on National and Homeland Security established. I remember his excitement when he called to say the Task Force was finally recognized in the closing months of that year. What a warrior and I am so grateful to have known him. As the National Operations Director of his organization, I am so grateful that Dr Pry had the time to definitively pass the leadership of his organization to Cynthia Ayers. Peter was clear that the organization must go on. On behalf of all the State and Regional Directors we are proud that a 100-tree memorial forest will be planted as a living tribute to his work. We, on the Task Force, will miss our Executive Director. Director of his organization I was so grateful that Dr Pry had the time to definitively pass the leadership of his organization to Cynthia Ayers. Peter was so clear that the organization must go on. It was also so amazing that all of the Executive, Regional, and State Directors purchased a 100 tree memorial forest, as a living tribute to his work. We, on the Task Force, will miss our Executive Director.

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**William Kaewert**

September 2, 2022 10:45 AM




## Kevin Daehnke

September 2, 2022 4:56 PM

Sweet and warm remembrance table arrangement was purchased for the family of Peter Vincent Pry by Kevin Daehnke. [Send Flowers](#)



Peter and I met in 2009  
at the EMPact

 A tree was also planted in memory of Peter Vincent Pry.  
conference in Niagara. Peter's effectiveness in communicating the gravity and urgency of this terrible problem was instrumental in motivating many ordinary citizens to get involved to solve this terrible problem.

Peter was generous with his time. In 2014 Peter eagerly responded to an invitation to travel to and testify in front of the Colorado legislature in support of grid-hardening legislation.

As happens to most prophets, many refused to hear Peter during his short time on Earth. The good news is that Peter left a powerful legacy that will ultimately bear fruit. Numerous foundations and other organizations dedicated to solving the problems about which Peter taught so effectively have been created. Those of us leading and involved in these efforts are confident that we will ultimately prevail. When that happens Peter will deserve a large share of the credit.

William Kaewert, Boulder Colorado

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### Frank & Nancy, Paul & Chris

September 1, 2022 5:51 PM

Spring's bounty basket was purchased for the family of Peter Vincent Pry by Frank & Nancy, Paul & Chris. [Send Flowers](#)

*Love you and miss you!!*

*Frank & Nancy, Paul & Chris*



August 31, 2022 4:59 PM

### A Memorial Tree was planted for Peter Vincent Pry

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Thacker Brothers Funeral Homes-Palmyra Location

[Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree](#)